

REMARKS

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1, 4, 6, 29-31, 73-74, and 93-100 are currently pending.

It is respectfully submitted that the Examiner's listing of the pending claims in items 4 and 6 on Form PTOL-326 of the Office Action is incorrect.

II. REJECTION OF CLAIMS UNDER 35 USC 103 AS BEING UNPATENTABLE OVER OJHA IN VIEW OF DAHAN

The present invention as recited, for example, in claim 1, relates to a method comprising (a) dynamically maintaining a plurality of organizational profiles containing integration preferences, a plurality of users each being associated with a particular organizational profile; and (b) providing an executable on a shared executable hosted e-procurement system.

As recited, for example, in claim 1, the executable is shared by the plurality of users to implement user requested transactions of the plurality of users, the executable implementing a respective user requested transaction by a respective user with an application system by accessing the organizational profile associated with the respective user and implementing the integration preferences contained in the accessed organizational profile.

As recited, for example, in claim 1, the integration preferences contained in a respective organizational profile determine how the shared executable hosted e-procurement system interacts with the application system for the respective organizational profile or for the users associated with the respective organizational profile.

Claim 1 can be understood, for example, from FIGS. 2 and 3, and the corresponding portions of the specification.

Please note that claim 1 specifically recites the use of integration preferences. See, for example, page 25, lines 8-12; page 30, lines 11-18; and Table III on page 32, of the present application, relating to integration preferences.

Therefore, as indicated above, the present invention as recited, for example, in claim 1, relates to dynamically maintaining organizational profiles **containing integration preferences**, where **the integration preferences contained in a respective organizational profile determine how the shared executable hosted e-procurement system interacts with the application system for the respective organizational profile or for the users associated with the respective organizational profile.**

Dahan does not disclose or suggest the above-described operation.

In Dahan, each party to a transaction has a profile identifier. The profile identifier for a

respective party identifies a business entity with which the party is affiliated. See, for example, column 4, lines 28-35, of Dahan. The profile identifier is used to access a database to retrieve information about the party. See, for example, column 4, line 51, through column 5, line 2, of Dahan.

However, in Dahan, the retrieved information is simply used by a rules engine to make a decision regarding a transaction. As described, for example, in column 5, lines 6-48, of Dahan, the decision might be a decision regarding the credit worthiness of a buyer. This decision would then be delivered to a seller.

No portion of Dahan discloses or suggest that integration preferences contained in a respective organizational profile determine how a shared executable hosted e-procurement system interacts with an application system for the respective organizational profile or for the users associated with the respective organizational profile, as recited, for example, in claim 1.

For example, no portion of Dahan indicates that an application system is interacted with in any different manner based on information associated with the profile identifiers in Dahan.

The above arguments are specifically directed to claim 1. However, it is respectfully submitted that the arguments would be helpful in understanding various difference of various other claims over Dahan.

Please note that claim 73 specifically recites **a plurality of financial systems**, and that **the integration preferences contained in a respective organization profile determine how the shared executable hosted e-procurement system interacts with the respective financial systems for the respective organization profile or for the users associated with the respective organizational profile.**

Dahan does not disclose or suggest a shared executable hosted e-procurement system that interacts with a plurality of financial systems, and that integration preferences determine how the shared executable hosted e-procurement system interacts with the respective financial systems as recited, for example, in claim 73. (See also claim 98 which recites a plurality of application systems).

For example, no portion of Dahan discloses or suggests a different manner of interacting with different financial systems in accordance with integration preferences in an organizational profile.

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New claim 94 recites that **the organizational profiles include data fields needed by the application system to implement the respective user requested transaction**, and that **the needed data fields are transmitted to the application system by the shared executable hosted e-procurement system**. See also claims 6, 74, 94, 95 and 98, relating to the transmission of data fields. See, for example, and Table III on page 32; page 33, lines 5-10;

page 45, lines 6-18, of the present application.

It is respectfully submitted that Dahan does not disclose or suggest such transmission of data fields. Instead, as indicated above, in Dahan, a profile identifier is used to access a database to retrieve information about a party, and the retrieved information is simply used by a rules engine to make a decision regarding a transaction. No portion of Dahan discloses or suggests the transmission of data fields needed by an application system.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner reconsider claim 94.

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In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection is overcome.

III. CONCLUSION

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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